

Executive Secretary
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Mr. E. T. Sweeney, Acting Director
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

I am gratified by the progress recited in your letter of August 6. We are, of course, anxious to proceed with the Parkway construction, and this first portion will be an important step forward.

I have, therefore, approved the immediate transfer of the \$1,563,500 specified in your letter. [] will be in touch with you shortly to carry out the actual transfer of funds. Transfer of the remainder of the \$6,500,000 will be arranged in the near future. Please let me know of any action that might be held up by lack of these funds.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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16 August 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a letter to Interior approving transfer of the funds requested for construction of the first portion of the George Washington Parkway. Technically these funds from the FY '56 appropriation are not subject to the conditions set by the Committee Report this July that you satisfy yourself that we have all commitments from the local authorities needed to proceed with the building before spending money.

We believe it would be prudent, however, to know that our requirements are substantially satisfied. We have reviewed commitments and with one exception believe they met our needs.

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Virginia has not yet committed \$250,000 of matching funds required for acquisition of rights for the remainder of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. NCP is requesting action by General Anderson, and we have every reason to believe it will be forthcoming.

Thus while there is a technical gap in our commitments, we believe you would be warranted in releasing the funds for the urgently needed commencement of the road construction.

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